

dictum should be found in the sacred writings, its total repugnance to the whole spirit of the Christian system is sufficient proof of its being interpolated. If, on the other hand, its interpolation be denied, I hesitate not to declare that there is an end of all rational faith in Christianity; for what can more decisively disprove the Divine origin of any system of belief than its inculcating or sanctioning of Slavery? [Applause.] It is the system in its very worst example, and with all its monstrous abominations as a

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deck as we sat. Amos and I on the wheel-house looked over the cold, sullen, blue Atlantic, miles of miles, and sat and talked of the equally boundless "prury." Amos had just been telling me a story about a rowdy he had met on a Hudson boat. The fellow had never been on board a steam-boat before, and the natural impudence of his enriosity was quickened a thousand-fold by the novelty of all he saw. Suddenly he observed, as the steamer began to move and blow, the captain seize the handles of a large wheel and begin to bring it round, now pulling, now yielding. The Bowdy looked for several minutes

Here Amos broke off his snatch of song, and asked me if I saw that tall lean man there, among the emigrants on the poop.

I said "Yes."

"Well, he is a hard stone cutter from Richmond City, was one of the best players at Don Pedro in the ship."

But before I leave Amos and his Texan experience I must give you of his most curious songs, one to which I attach value; a curious example of the gradual corruption of ballads when orally handed down; and also a curious exemplification of the tone of feeling

V. In addition to what the volunteers and heirs are entitled to and may become entitled to from the United States, the several States have passed and will pass acts granting pay from the State Treasury.